





NEW CANADIAN PROVINCES.

## THE OWL, GRILL &amp; OYSTER ROOM.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.

In the presence of a crowded House to-day, Sir W. Laurier introduced the principal Ministerial measure of the Session, creating the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan out of the North-West Territories. He stated that the boundaries would be the 49th parallel of latitude on the north, the Rocky Mountains on the west, the Manitoba boundary on the east, and the international boundary on the south. Each prov. would be of about the same area, 250,000 square miles. Manitoba's claim for an extension of her territory to the west could not be entertained, but possibly in the near future an extension to the north might be considered, and a similar concession granted to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, carrying each of the three provinces to the shores of Hudson's Bay. Each province would have a Legislative Assembly of 23 members. Regina would be the capital of Saskatchewan, and Edmonton the temporary capital of Alberta, but the Legislature would finally decide. July 1st was the selected date for the creation of the new provinces.

The Government had considered the nature of the financial aid to be granted, and for many reasons deemed it inexpedient to hand over the public land. Instead of this, the intention was to make ample and generous provision in other ways. It was proposed to make an annual grant of \$50,000 (\$10,000 for government and \$40,000 for education). A per capita allowance of 89 cents on the estimated population would give \$250,000 (\$45,000 to each province). In addition there would be an allowance for debt amounting to \$405,375 (\$81,076 annually), while an allowance for Dominion lands would give \$73,000 (\$875,000). The total revenue of the provinces for the first year would be \$1,320,375 (\$226,072).

Sir W. Laurier dealt with the educational question at considerable length. He held that under the British North America Act the new provinces were entitled to separate schools, and appealed for the acceptance of this principle on the broad grounds of Canadian duty and Canadian patriotism.

## MIGHT HAVE BEEN CRIME.

## West-end 'Find' Leads to Dramatic Intervention.

A lady walking down Prince's street, Hanover-square, recently, says an exchange, saw a notebook lying on the pavement, where it had apparently been dropped by some careless pedestrian. Picking up the notebook, she discovered an addressed letter inside, and, thinking that this might be urgent, she within a few minutes deposited it at the Marlborough-street Police Station.

Very urgent indeed was that letter. It is possible that its prompt handing over to the police prevented a terrible crime.

Two detective sergeants, Burton and Tupper, at once opened the envelope. It contained a letter addressed to his mother at Roding, in which Edward Henry Box stated that he was thinking of murdering his wife and infant child. Luckily Box had written his address—Dulverys-place, Broad-street, Soho.

There was clearly no time to be lost. The two sergeants dashed off immediately to the house in Dulverys-place. The house had gone to bed, but the visitors instant summons brought Box—a young man of twenty-four, employed as a porter to the door.

To the relief of the sergeants they learned that nothing had happened. "I shall arrest you," said Burton, "a charge of sending a letter threatening to murder your wife and child, which letter is in my possession."

Box gave a start of surprise. "It is not he exclaimed. "It upstairs in my overcoat pocket. I wrote it this afternoon while at work, and have not posted it yet."

Told what had occurred, Box, who throughout the interview had appeared dazed and depressed, said, "I have been worried lately; everyone seems against me. I have had such pain in the head recently that I hardly know what I am doing at times."

Leaving the other sergeant to look after the man, Burton then went upstairs to break the news of the charge against her to the starled wife, whom the officers found to be a mere girl of eighteen. She told him, he says, that after she had retired to bed, a little while before, she noticed her husband go to a drawer, take out a razor, and examine it. "What do you want with that?" she asked, and he replied, "I was only going to see if it was sharp."

The man was placed in the dock at Marlborough-street when Tupper stated that Box said to him, "I meant it at the time; but it might have worn off."

"Why should you," inquired the magistrate, Mr. Kennedy, of the prisoner, "because you are unhappy and have had hard times, wish to kill an innocent woman and child?"

"I only wrote it on the spur of the moment," answered Box. "I am very sorry, I wrote it." Bursting into tears, he added, "She knows I would not hurt her, sir."

The wife gave evidence that her husband had been depressed for some time. She feared nothing till she heard from the detective about the letter.

Remanding Box for medical examination, the magistrate remarked: "The two sergeants are very much to be commended, and I shall have great pleasure in marking the charge-sheet to that effect."

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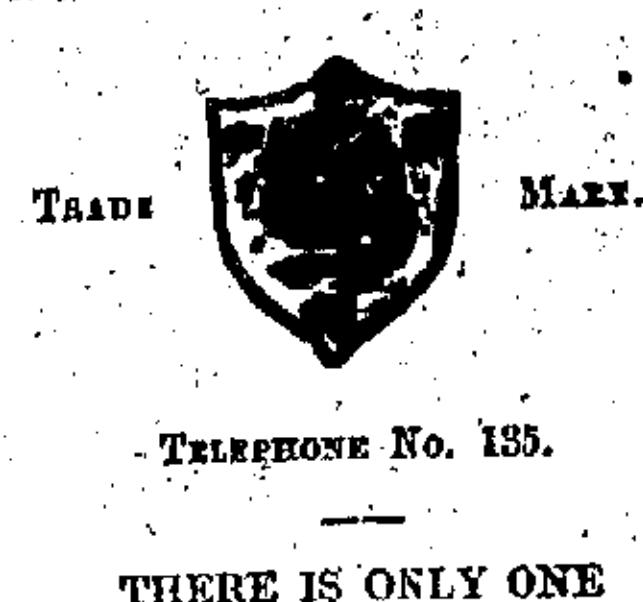
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early to expect much innate ability in Hongkong on many occasions, and it is, therefore, almost unnecessary to remark that whatever steps are taken by Shanghai, or other any part in the Far East, to secure a close observance of this Treaty will be supported on all sides. China's unswerving is too well-known to need dilating upon, and her evasion of the Treaty regulations have been most flagrant and persistent. It was only within the last month that our Shanghai correspondent drew attention—when dealing with the rise in the prices of commodities—to a further disregard of the Treaty. Such being the case the action by the business men of Shanghai comes none too soon.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Sanitary Institute.

An extraordinary General Meeting of the Sanitary Institute of Hongkong was held last night in the rooms of the Institute, 10 Wyndham Street. The following officers were elected to serve until October next: Dr Pearce, Chairman; Messrs Cunningham, Jackson, Carte, and Dr Clark, Committee of management; Dr Macfarlane, Treasurer; Mr Gibson, Secretary; and Mr Carter, Assistant Secretary. It was announced that an examination for Inspectors of Nuisances to be held in October should sufficient candidates present themselves.

Idio Fountains.

The Fountain opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Singapore) departed from its usual state of idleness this forenoon and sent out a fine spray of water which looked very cool and refreshing during the few minutes it lasted. One wonders whether sea water could not be used for supplying the fountain without much harm being done to the pipes, says the *Straits Times*. Singapore and Hongkong appear to be similarly placed regarding fountains. It certainly is some considerable time since the fountain in front of the City Hall ejected water, fresh or salt, even for a few minutes.

A Funeral Feast Disturbed.

Two marines from H. M. S. "Andromeda" were having a "good time" on a yesterday afternoon and in the course of their wanderings came across a Chinese funeral feast at Wan Chai. Being fresh out from Hongkong this appealed to the marines as something out of the ordinary and as the Chinese resented their presence one of the men took off his tunic and with his belt set about breaking up the crockery. Some Chinese constables tried to restore order but without success and European assistance had to be obtained before they could be taken to No. 2 police station. This morning they appeared before Mr G. N. Orme and were fined \$10 each, the man who used his belt being ordered to pay a further sum of 50¢ for the damaged crockery.

A Bad End.

A case of suicide took place yesterday afternoon, the victim being H. J. White, who was until recently rector of St. John's Cathedral. He was living at Wild Dell cottage, Bullock Lane, and for some little time past is said to have been in very low spirits and has on occasions hinted that he wanted to end his life. Yesterday afternoon he bid several friends good-bye and on returning home retired to his bedroom after having also said good-bye to his wife and family. After he had been in the room for some time his wife remembering his previous threats tried to enter the room but found the door locked. A coolie then got into the room by means of a ladder and opened the door it then being seen that the deceased had tied a piece of cord round his neck and attached the other end to the corner of the bed and committed suicide by strangling himself. The deceased had been a resident of the Colony for fourteen years and after retiring from the position as rector was appointed inspector of cemeteries, which position he held up to the time of his death. The funeral took place to-day.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

## THE BALTIC FLEET.

## ANOTHER SQUADRON SIGHTED.

In the Straits of Malacca.

Is it the Third Fleet?

(From Our Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, May 4, 2.40 p.m.

A squadron consisting of four battleships and a number of cruisers is reported to be in the Straits of Malacca, steaming in the direction of Singapore.

## Again Sighted.

Steamers coming in from the south continue to report the Russian fleet in practically the same vicinity as when sighted by the steamers that reported yesterday. The "Waihwa" left Singapore on April 22 and Hoidow in the 2nd instant and on arrival here this morning reported having passed through the Russian fleet on April 28. It consisted of about 40 vessels which were anchored in Van Fong Bay. The "St. Petersburg" and another cruiser were patrolling outside of the bay.

The s.s. "Hain" from Bangkok, also saw the Russian fleet at anchor in Van Fong Bay on April 30.

## Russian Refugees.

The "Bonnob" came in this morning from Singapore. When she was south of the Macleod Bank she sighted an Italian cruiser and a transport bound south. When north of the Amakusa Islands she also encountered a British re-cross ship which was believed to have Russian refugees on board from Shanghai.

## JAPAN AND FRANCE.

The Japan Chronicle comments in the following terms on the stay of the Baltic Fleet near Indo-China: "Considerable irritation has been aroused in Japan by the action of France in permitting the Baltic Squadron to remain at Camranh Bay, in French Tonkin, where it is presumed that the vessels are engaged in raiding supplies and so on. What sort of supplies can be obtained at Camranh Bay we do not know, but it is evident that from the point of view of a European naval squadron they must be small and inconsiderable. It may be regarded as certain that no coal could be obtained there, and that so far the bay is being used simply as a convenient place where the war ships may coal from transports which accompany the fleet. While the irritation in Japan is not unnatural, it is to be regretted that it should exhibit itself in much unseemly writing in the Press, which seems to a large extent based on a misunderstanding of the provisions of international law. Apparently many of the journals are of opinion that the practice which has been adopted by Great Britain in regard to belligerent warships represents international law as it is settled by a consensus of opinion or practice between the Powers."

After quoting from the French neutrality resolution the Chronicle continues: "Now it is evident from the tenor of these rules which it must be remembered, are identical with those issued upon the outbreak of the Hispano-American War, that the French Government does not regard the stay in a French port of a belligerent ship as in itself an offence against neutrality and in the absence of international compact declaring what are the duties of neutrals in this respect Japanese journals would do well to bear this consideration in mind instead of at once jumping to the conclusion that France is deliberately straining its regulations in order to assert Russia. Even the protest addressed by Japan to France not belated to establish any derogation of duty on the part of the French Government, as it must clearly be regarded as an *ex parte* statement. It is only natural that Japan should seek to have international law interpreted in her interests, but the mere fact of the protest does not prove that the conception of the terms of neutrality there embodied is justified."

Nevertheless, the irritation displayed in Japan is, as we say, not unnatural. The use of Camranh Bay by the Baltic Squadron under the circumstances is regarded by the Japanese Government as affording the Russian vessels a base for operations against Japan, and to be an infringement of Japanese neutrality in the letter of the declaration of neutrality."

In this connection it is evident that a "base" means the occupation or utilization of territory for the purposes of obtaining military supplies for the organization of a force to attack a Power with whom the neutral State is in the terms of the case at war. It can scarcely be contended that the place, made by the Baltic Squadron, in the bay of Camranh can by thus described, or that it is an evasion of the declaration of neutrality made by France as interpreted by the instructions to the French authorities."

## A Nation's Birthday.

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation inviting the nation of the world to send military representatives and ships to participate in 1907, at the celebration at Jamestown, Virginia, of the birth of the American nation, the first American settlement being founded in Jamestown May 13, 1607.

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## CANTON NOTES.

CANTON, May 2.  
The Mission, with which Poi King Fuk—the ex-Nam Hoi Magistrate—is to be sent on exile to Chinese Eastern Turkistan, has now started their journey, having passed through the Nam Hoi and Pun Yu District.

THE CHUCHAU-SWATOW RAILWAY.  
The Chuchau-Swatoe Railway Co., of which Chang Yuk Nam is the Director General, was originally started under an agreement with the Chinese Government containing 25 articles. Now it was proposed to add another article to the effect that no company or persons, etc., shall be allowed to construct railways within 10 miles of any place through which the Chuchau-Swatoe railway runs. This article has been referred to the Board of Commerce and has duly received its sanction.

## THE BALTIC FLEET.

The Chinese Government wired to Viceoy Shum to be on special look out for the Baltic fleet and it is reported that His Excellency has despatched officers to find out the whereabouts of the fleet and to report accordingly.

## THE SHANGHAI MURDER.

His Excellency Wu, Chinese Minister to Peterburg, wired to the Waikupu as under.

The case of Chow Sang Yow, who was murdered by the Russian sailors at Shanghai, having been repeatedly discussed with the Russian Authorities, it has now been agreed to send the murderer to prison for a term of 8 years with hard labour.

## A VICEROY'S DEATH.

Viceroy Tam Chung Lun died at Changsha on the 13th day of 3rd moon, at the age of 80. It will be remembered that His Excellency held his office as Viceroy of the Two Kwong but resigned owing to ill health.

## REUMOURED RESIGNATION.

It is reported that Tong Shouju has resigned his appointment as Minister to London and that Li King Hing has been appointed but so far no official confirmation has been received. —Wah Tse Yat Po

## CANTON, May 3.

THE MURDER OF THE COMPTONORE.  
The case in connection with the murder, last year, of a Chinese Comptodore by the American sailors at Canton, is still unsettled. The Americans failing their utmost endeavour to avert responsibility, had at last decided before the world that Ho Tai Yin was undoubtedly murdered by American sailors, but the murderers could not be discovered!

However, in order to show the generosity and justice of the American people we will pay an indemnity to the deceased's family, say the Americans, "but of course, we can not treat the matter in the same light as if a foreigner were murder by the Chinese, the penalty in that case would then be the occupying of a Kiangchien, the immediate arrest of the guilty person and an indemnity of my half a million dollars; but Chinaman's lives are very cheap—\$300 would be quite sufficient—so very well, we will pay \$3000 to settle the whole matter. And it was agreed upon that Ho's family was to receive the money, but the Americans have calculated that \$3000 at the present rate of exchange would cost about \$400 gold. The Chinese Government can't do anything if we don't pay at all" suggested another American and the matter was finally dropped.

Yesterday it was reported the family of the deceased were petitioning the U. S. Consul again but with what result it was not yet known.—Wah Tse Yat Po.

## THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY AT PEKING.

## M. Lessar's Successor.

A private letter from Peking states that yes it is the intention of the Russian Foreign Office at first to appoint M. Pavlov, former Russian Minister to Coosa, to succeed the late M. Lessar at Peking, but that upon this being made known to their Majesties' instructions were at once sent to H. E. H. Wei-ki, the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg to make known to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that M. Pavlov was a "persona non grata" to the Court of Peking, and to request that someone else be appointed, to fill the late M. Lessar's place. The result has been that M. Pokhilow, Director of the Russ-Chinese Bank, has been appointed. This gentleman is very well known to the people attached to the Court, and while in Peking during the period following the Boxer troubles was especially friendly with the Empress Dowager's most powerful favourites such as the Chief Eunuch, Li Tien-ying, the Taoist abbot of the White Cloud Temple (Paiyue Kuan) and the Buddhist abbot of a Monastery, both of Peking, (the latter personage being also a favorite protege of Prince Ching). These three are acknowledged by all China to wield exceptions power and influence over the Empress Dowager, influence that is known as "backstairs" and, therefore, though felt, is still unseen. With such very powerful friends and allies at his back, the Russian Foreign Office could not have made a better selection, under the present circumstances, than the Director of the Russ-Chinese Bank and whatever of pre-ripe Russia may have lost in Peking during the present war is to be recovered by the new Minister, and on a larger scale.—N. O. Daily News.

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## A LITERARY RETROSPECT.

(FOR THE CHINA MAIL.)  
(BY MERCATOR.)

The time came—it arrived more than ten years ago—when I was adjudged to have acquired enough cricket and football to be fit to leave school. At about the same period my uncle retired from Hongkong, where, by concentrating all his thoughts on such things as essential oil, pipe-bristles and buffo's horns, had managed to acquire enough wealth to eat the bread of idleness for the rest of his life.

He even possessed enough influence to procure me a seat in the office of the firm he had just left. I mention the seat because it was a good solid substantial one; the salary was not. Before I embarked my Uncle admonished me with words of wisdom. "There is no place in the world where a young fool can make a bigger fool or so many different kinds of fool of himself as in Hongkong. It'll be years before you get enough pay to live on decently. In the meanwhile what are you going to do with your spare time?"

"Play cricket and football," I answered.

"Don't be a blithering idiot," said my Uncle, who I imagine must either have contracted or expanded a liver while in the East. "How the blazes are you going to play cricket and football in the dark?" The firm that employs you will want all your services while daylight lasts and you'll be jolly lucky if it always stops at that. I mean, what are you going to do in the evenings? If you're nothing to do you'll probably take to drinking too much, you'll get into the way of playing cards every night, you'll get into debt and into mischief generally. Have you a hobby of any kind?"

"I collect birds' eggs," I answered.

"No good," said my Uncle. "The birds in Hongkong don't lay eggs. Don't you do anything else? You look the sort of fool who might write poetry."

"I write both poetry and prose," I proudly answered. "I was editor of our School of Magazine."

"Wall," said my Uncle, "perhaps you can keep yourself out of mischief in that way. I'll give you a letter to the editor of a local paper and he'll do what he can to find you occupation that will take up some of the time in which you might make a fool of your self."

In due time I presented my letter to the editor, who at once asked me to dinner. After dinner we talked literature.

The editor said: "I shall be delighted to do anything I can for you in another way. Many of the firms send us samples for reviewing purposes such as whiskey, new books, &c. I never trust anyone except myself to review the whiskey. But I can do something for you in another way. Many of the firms send us samples for reviewing purposes such as whiskey, new books, &c. I never trust anyone except myself to review the whiskey. But I'll send the books on to you and you can keep them after you've written notices about them; you'll be able to build up a small library in time. I'll appoint you a dramatic critic on the same terms, that is, I'll send you a free ticket on condition you are in an account of the performance, whenever a theatrical company visits the Colony."

When I was putting on my coat and hat to go home the editor said: "Look here, I was very friendly with your Uncle and for his sake I'll break the rule. Tell me what you'll do: whenever you write anything that's good enough to make a man come up to me and say 'I'd like a smart article that of yours yesterday, who wrote it?' I'll at once send you a cheque at the rate of a guinea a column for that article!"

I thanked him and walked home as one that treads on air.

During the next month several articles and poems from my pen appeared in print, but being a beginner's attempt, I did not expect them to be up to remuneration mark; nor was I disappointed.

It was some time before I was called upon to act in my capacity of dramatic critic. Then came a ticket of admission to the classical caterwaulings of some French Opera Co. I knew very little French and absolutely nothing about classical music but I was prepared to write learnedly about both. The awful evening arrived and I saffled forth, white-gloved and white waistcoated, to stand in judgment on the singers. They mouthed their words so rapidly that I could not understand a single word of their language. I daresay the music was good, for it very soon lalled me to sleep. When I woke up the hall was empty and a French gentleman was requesting me to make a "sortie." I was flabbergasted how to do it. I had been asleep and wondered how I was going to write my account for the next evening. I addressed the Frenchman: "Excusez vous, monsieur a brûlé mon pain au fromage et j'ai donné mon pain à monsieur." I gave him my card; I had suddenly remembered that the next day was a holiday.

"Avez beaucoup de plaisir," or words to that effect, was his answer.

During the next day conversation was rather difficult because Monsieur Frogman did not pronounce French in what I had been taught as school to regard as the correct way. But in the end I made him understand that I wanted him to write in his own dialect an account of the previous evening's performance which I should then translate into English for the paper. "I gave him a brandy-and-water with 'buns,' a cigar with 'fumée' and pens, and paper, with 'carter.' He wrote sheet after sheet which he passed on to me. He dwelt on the individual merits of each performer modestly keeping back his own name to the last. But, while each of the other performers received, on an average, two-line notices, Monsieur Frogman expected more than a column to himself.

Never has such a great singer horrified the East with his presence!"

He stood regarding him with his eyes and ears for his alone. "One would say it is the voice of a man or of a nightingale." And he proved by the frank use of technical terms that he knew what he was talking about. I sat in my account which I duly appeared. Two days later I got a letter in the editor's writing which I argued, must contain a judgment both of praise and of gold. But it contained neither; it contained no words of appreciation with which to reward me for my services as dramatic critic.

Professor Ogle's grim jest about "organ-grinder's tarts" seems, in the words of the *Windsor Gazette*, to have dignified the barbs on the banks of the Loo into the thorns of poetical travel. One of his future Oxford "disciples" or friends, who has been safely digested by this author, is to be recovered by the new Minister, and on a larger scale.—*N. O. Daily News*.

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at all; but had humbly helped the chorus from behind the scenes.

My career as a literary critic was equally short-lived. Some influential local person who ought to have known better had written a little work of fiction, the scene of which was laid in Hongkong. My editor sent the book along to me with instructions that I was to praise it for all I was worth. The volume was trivial and unnecessary and stupid but I carried out my instructions and said "yes" to it.

It will be universally acknowledged I wrote, that from the first word to the last word, from the first to the final, from cover to cover the type rings of the book reverberates through every line. More than once, Macao, more than Byron, the Isles of Greece, that Scott, the Border District, than Southey and Coleridge the Lake District, yet thrice more than all of these has the brilliant and gifted author, whom we are proud to term our fellow citizen, immortalized his own Hongkong; the fair city of "Fragrant Waters."

I carried on in this strain for about two columns and, when I regarded the printed words next day, I was indordinately proud of my handwriting. But the only result of my vivid word-painting was to make the author and his work exceedingly ridiculous and to bring down upon my head a letter from the editor which then and there terminated my literary career.

And what is the moral? Did I at once take to drink and a dissipated life and a hasty descent to Averno? No, gentle reader, I did not. I took instead, to carefully minding my own business, and the result is that to-day, although I have not succeeded in carving for myself an abiding place on the slope of Parnassus, I have carved several useful abiding-places on the slope of the "Hippocrene." The contemplation of this fact affords me peculiar satisfaction when the rents come in at the end of every month.

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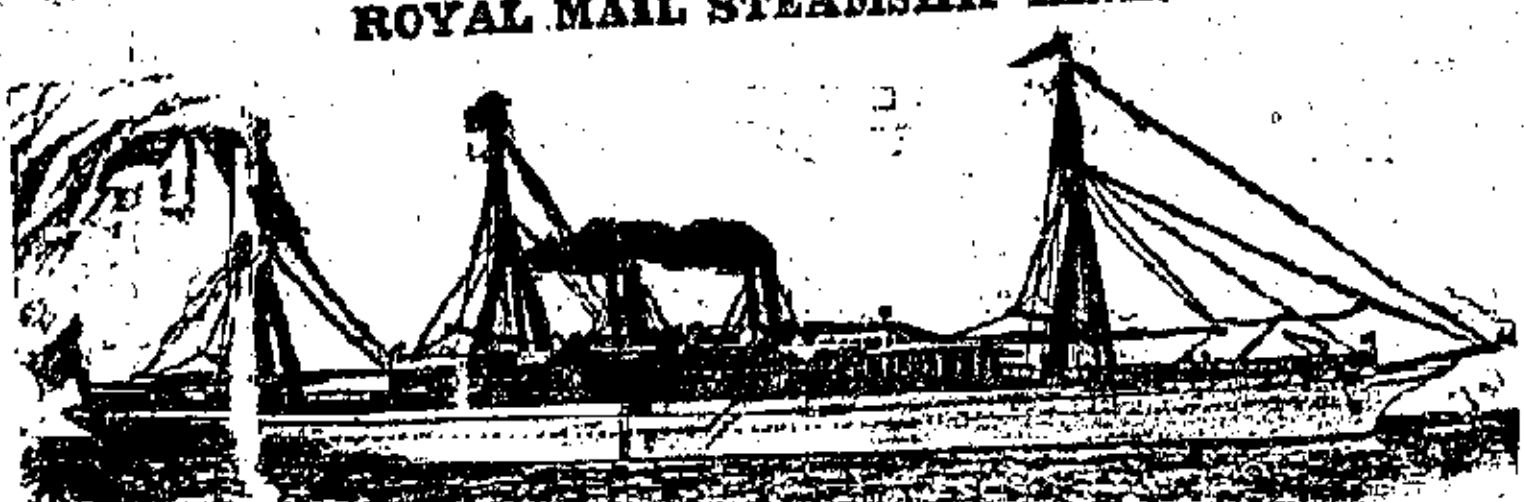
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CHARTER.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

CANTON, CHENGDU, HANKOW,

TIENTHIN, TIENTHUNG,

PEKING.

HONGKONG OFFICE:

4, QUEEN'S ROAD.

## SHIPPING.

## VINTAGE AT HOTELS.

May 3.  
Heworth, British str., 1,835; A. Webster, London and Singapore April 28, General—  
GEO. LIVINGSTON & CO.

May 3.  
Kew, Norwegian str., 718; A. Erikson, Bangkok April 28, Rice—YUEN FAH HON.

May 3.  
Julian, French str., 377; L. Anderson, Pakhoi and Hethow May 2, General—  
R. MART.

May 3.  
Tremouche, British steamer, 1,540; Jas. Williamson, Saigon April 23, Rice—  
WAT SING.

May 4.  
Motta, British str., 3,900; R. A. Peters, Bombay April 18, and Singapore 25, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

May 4.  
Luna, American steamer, 3,516; Goo. V. Williams, Tewoo, via Shanghai April 3, General—Dowdell & CO., LTD.

May 4.  
Fridtjof, Norwegian str., 891; Haraldsen, Tamsu, via Ayeyarwady and Swatow May 3, General—OKA SHOKES KAISHA.

May 4.  
Venus, American steamer, 810; Antonio Araria s. Iloilo April 30, General—  
BARRETO & CO.

May 4.  
Empire, British steamer, 2,343; P. T. Helm, Kobe April 25, General—GIBSON.

May 4.  
Lion, British str., 1,356; S. Wilde, Shanghai April 30, General—JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO.

May 4.  
Hogue, British cruiser, from Miss Bay.

## DEPARTURES.

May 4.  
Kwonghui, for Canton.

Haikin, for Swatow.

Quinta, for Saigon.

Huaynon, J. for Amoy.

Kongqua, for Swatow.

Lyneon, for Canton.

Lohsin, for Singapore.

Tai, for Hayphong.

Motta, for Shanghai.

Bonawentura, British cruiser, for Miss Bay.

## CLEARED.

Luoy, for Moji and Tacoma.

Wakato, for Swatow.

Hangang, for Canton.

Reinach, for Nagasaki.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Motta, for Hongkong, from London, Lieut. H. J. Dresser, Lieut. W. A. Quinell, Mr. A. G. Moore, Miss Shaw Hether, Mrs. Champion and 2 children and son, Mrs. Cobb and child, Mrs. Gauthier and 2 children, Mr. S. J. M. Gauthier, Mr. G. Gauthier, Mrs. White and 2 children, Mr. Barry and 3 children, Mr. W. Hill and 2 children, Mrs. Emp and 2 children, Mrs. Hollam and child, Mrs. Murray and child, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Heston, Mrs. Adams and child, Mrs. M. Northam, Mrs. Stone and child, and Mrs. Northam, from Macmillan Capt. and Mrs. Verker, Mrs. J. C. Vickerman and A. G. R. Keay, from Malta, Mrs. and Mrs. Redford, and 2 children; from Port Said, Mr. N. C. Shopp and son; from Coombo, Miss McLean, and Mr. Reddah; from Bombay, Mr. R. G. Marton, Capt. R. Muter, Mr. B. H. Hesitt, Mr. and Mrs. Sturge, Mr. C. P. D. Haines, Mr. A. R. Normandie, Mr. C. H. Brownie, and Mr. S. Crawford; from Singapore, Dr. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman, Col. and Mrs. Caworthway, Mr. P. van de P. Scott, Mr. G. Bowring, Mr. and Mrs. Tunon, and Mr. Botsford. For Shanghai: from London, Mr. and Mrs. Keay, Miss E. Maitland, Rev. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. McMullan, 4 children, nurse and ayah, Mr. C. G. G. and Mrs. Stewart and 2 children, and Miss Peacock; from Gibraltar, Mr. D. Sibert; from Marseilles, Mr. J. A. Gladwick, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. C. A. Crichton, Mrs. Proctor, Mr. T. Bade, Mrs. M. Smith, Mr. Soakin; from Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. Matsumoto, child and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Majima and maid, Mr. Shibusawa and child, Messrs. E. Lida, Tada, A. Bennett, A. Zimmerman, and 2 Mail Agents; from Singapore, Messrs. G. Bainbridge, L. McKittrick, and W. Boxhall. For Kobe: from London, Mr. W. G. Fawcett, For Yokohama: from London, Mr. G. H. Innes, M. G. Carlisle, Misses A. Brancher and E. M. Dixon; from Brindisi, Mr. and Mrs. Hanpul, and Miss Hanpul. For Manila: from London, Mr. N. H. Higgins. For Wankow, from Singapore, Mr. Grant and family, with nurse, Condar, for 1st, (L.C. Customs, Canton); Signor Henry Mark, B.M., Signor Carmelo Borgia, D.M., Signor Salvatore Bonet, D.C.D., R.N., and 200 Chinese.

For Empire, from Kobe, Mrs. C. K. Graham, Messrs. C. J. Dashwood and J. Robson.

For Hangang, from Shanghai, Rev. W. F. Knox, Rev. Father Normand, 102 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Empire* reports: Leaving Kowloon on April 29th, having hazy weather and variable winds through the Inland Sea. After leaving Moji, foggy weather was experienced, with a moderate S'ly sea and variable winds until reaching the China Coast, when strong N.N.W'ly breeze set in, with a moderate sea and hazy weather; reaching Hongkong on the 4th April.

The British steamer *Hangang* reports: Shanghai to Swatow, light to moderate variable winds and foggy weather; Swatow to port, strong E.N.E. winds and overcast sky.

## Hongkong Register.

Previous day at 8 a.m. On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.

Baometer ... 28.83 30.01 29.98

Temperature ... 84 83 75

Direction of Wind ... SW SE E

Force ... 1 1 2

Weather ... c o o

Rain ... 0.08

Highest open air temperature in the sun ... 87 Lowest open air temperature on the shade ... 82

F. G. Floc, First Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, May 3rd, 1905.

## CING EDWARD HOTEL.

Mr. M. E. Anger Mrs. Klepe  
Mr. E. Anger Mr. C. Kraaij  
Miss and Mrs. G. W. John Kynoch  
Redford and family Mrs. J. M. Marshall  
Mr. C. H. Brownie Mr. E. J. Moses  
Mr. C. S. Crawford Mr. A. R. Normandie  
Mrs. and Mrs. Holiday Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Mr. N. M. Holmes Rose  
Mrs. Jackson and child Mr. F. Stone  
Mr. J. Watt Jameson Mr. and Mrs. Tibby  
Mrs. J. W. Jameson Mr. A. Vernon  
Mr. F. Kieke

## Mr. E. Brown

Mr. E. Brown Mr. F. H. Jellings  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. J. Losh  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. & Mrs. McConkie  
Mr. E. Brown Miss F. Addison  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. J. Forrester  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. K. Ransford  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. M. Ulrich  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. M. A. Rose  
Capt. and Mrs. Ewing Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bugg  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sutcliffe  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. M. J. Whaley  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. L. C. Young

## PELHAM HOUSE.

Mr. E. Brown Mr. F. H. Jellings  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. J. Losh  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. & Mrs. McConkie  
Mr. E. Brown Miss F. Addison  
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Mr. E. Brown Mr. M. J. Whaley  
Mr. E. Brown Mr. L. C. Young

## THOMAS'S HOTEL.

Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. and Mrs. Geo.  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Lancashire  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. E. E. Latson  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. M. R. Mager  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. P. W. Ruston  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. T. Sutcliffe  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. M. J. Whaley  
Mr. F. J. Bailey Mr. L. C. Young

## THE CHINA MAIL.

Exclusive of late arrivals and exports reported to-day.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, consisting of green Island, Vessels on the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the shipping *c*, midway between each shore are marked *d*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
- From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Offices.
- From Harbour Master's to the Mole.
- From the Market to Pedder's Wharf.
- From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to Blue Building.
- From Blue Building to East Point.
- From East Point to North Point.
- From North Point to Kowloon Wharves.
- From Kowloon Wharves to Pedder's Wharf.

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Australian Ports	Emrys (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	May 6, at Noon
Amoy, Straits, Peking	Zaida (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 7, Daylight
Amidam, L'or, A'ori	Jason (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 9, 23.
Amidam, L'or, A'ori	Darlanus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 9.
Amidam, L'or, A'ori	Alphas (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 9.
Acoy, Manila, &c.	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 10.
Genoa, Mars, L'pool	Laeran (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 10.
Genoa, Mars, L'pool	Ducalion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	June 20.
Java Ports	Tijatap (s)	Java-China-Japan (s)	1st half of May.
Java Ports	Tijapanas (s)	Java-China-Japan (s)	1st half of June.
London, &c.	Coronand (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 6, at 11 a.m.
London, Antwerp, & Pera (s)	Bonader (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about May 15.
Manila, Alian Ports	Isian (s)	Measurers Maritime	May 14, at 1 p.m.
Manila, via Amoy	Ruhi (s)	Shaw, Naylor & Co.	May 6, at Noon.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 6, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Yunesang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 10.
New York, Suez Canal	Taming (s)	Standard Oil Co.	about June 20.
New York, Suez Canal	Kenneba (s)	Standard Oil Co.	about May 20.
New York, Suez Canal	Segami (s)	Standard Oil Co.	June 6.
New York, Suez Canal	Ferris (s)	Doyle & Co.	about June 24.
New York, Suez Canal	Hind (s)	Shaw, Naylor & Co.	about June 15.
New York, Suez Canal	Ching (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 9, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ching (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 24, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ching (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	June 13, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ching (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	June 23, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ching (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 13, at Noon.
Shanghai, Tamsu, Tsinan, &c.	Palermo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about May 13.
Shanghai, Tamsu, Tsinan, &c.	Malta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about May 5.
Shanghai	Yochew (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 9.
Shanghai	Hangang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 10, at 4 p.m.
Shai and Portland, Or.	Amble (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	May 10, Daylight.
Shai and Portland, Or.	Aragon (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	May 10, Daylight.
Shai and Portland, Or.	Nicomedes (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	May 10, Daylight.
Sport, Pung Calcutta	Susang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 9, at 3 p.m.
Sport, Pung Calcutta	Kemang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 7, at 8 a.m.
Stow, Amoy & Tamsu	Fritjof (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Osaka Shosen Kaisha
Stow, Amoy & Tamsu	Prato (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Osaka Shosen Kaisha
Tai, Chefoo & Tsinli	Chihli (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 16.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Ningchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 21.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Hayden (s)	Doyle & Co.	about May 23.
Vancouver (B.C.), & Express of Japan (s)	Canadian P. & T. R. Co.	Canadian P. & T. R. Co.	May 10.
Vancouver (B.C.), & Express of China (s)	Canadian P. & T. R. Co.	Canadian P. & T. R. Co.	May 31.

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

May 4, 1905

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, O.M.
RANKS.	20,000	\$ 125	\$ 41	\$755, day.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	99,925	\$ 7	\$ 5	London \$10.10
National Bank of China, Limited	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 92	buyers
Marine Insurance Office, Ltd.	24,000	\$ 83.33	\$ 22	156, buyers
Fuwa Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 150	\$ 2	156
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 10	\$700, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 80	\$160, buyers
Yangtze River Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 80	buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 80	86, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	\$ 10	3071, sellers
Coastal, Foochow, &c., etc.	50,000	\$ 50	\$ 10	\$244, sellers
Fukang & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 25	\$ 10</	